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In re the Application of

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For: METHOD OF COOLING MOLTEN METAL DURING FRACTIONAL  
CRYSTALLISATION

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Sir:

Pursuant to Rules 56 and 98, Applicants hereby call the attention of the Patent Office to the references listed on the attached Form PTO 1449. Submitted herewith are translations of JP 55050442 and JP 60234930. These references were previously submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement on December 5, 2007.

Applicants present these references so that the Patent Office may, in the first instance, determine any relevancy thereof to the presently claimed invention, see Beckman Instruments, Inc. v. Chemtronics, Inc., 439 F.2d 1369, 1380, 165 USPQ 355, 364 (5th Cir. 1970). Also see Patent Office Rule 104. Applicants respectfully request that these references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application and made of record herein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue herefrom.

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Respectfully submitted,

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